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SUBJ: AMENDED NIV WAIVER REGULATION 22 CFR 41.6(B)

1. BARBADOS ADVOCATE-NEWS OF DECEMBER 17 QUOTES DECISION REACHED AT COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN SUMMIT MEETING HELD RECENTLY IN ST. KITTS TO ASK THE BLACK CAUCUS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO HELP LIFT NEW VISA REGULATIONS FOR TRAVEL TO THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AND TO INVESTIGATE THE INJUSTICE DONE TO CARIBBEAN IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE LIVED AND WORKED FOR SUBSTANTIAL TIME IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

2. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHICH WAS DATE LINED DECEMBER 16 AT BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS AND CARRIED BY UPI STATES THAT THE DECISION TO REQUEST HELP FROM THE CAUCUS WAS MADE BY COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AT THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN WHICH THE VISA REQUIREMENT WAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED.

3. THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT SINCE OCTOBER, THE US INS HAS REQUIRED ALL COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN NATIONALS, AS WELL AS NATIONALS OF THE DUTCH AND FRENCH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, TRAVELING TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE UNITED STATES TO HOLD VISAS EVEN FOR BRIEF VISITS. IN THE PAST, VISAS WERE REQUIRED ONLY FOR CARIBBEAN NATIONALS PLANNING PROLONGED OR PERMANENT STAYS IN THE U.S. TERRITORY.

THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE 13 ENGLISH SPEAKING NATIONS

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ALSO SAID THEY WOULD ASK THE BLACK CONGRESSMEN TO INVESTIGATE THE

INJUSTICE DONE TO CARIBBEAN IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE LIVED AND  
WORKED FOR SUBSTANTIAL TIME IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS.

THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGREED TO TAKE THEIR CAMPAIGN TO  
THEIR OWN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON AND TO USE AS MANY FORUMS  
AS POSSIBLE TO PUBLICIZE THEIR APPEAL.

4. THE ABOVE IS A SYNOPSIS. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ARTICLE  
FORWARDED DEPARTMENT BY AIR DECEMBER 17.  
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